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E.O. 11652: EISOC, EGEN, UN  
SUBJ: 57TH ECOSOC: FRENCH, AMERICAN AND SAUDI  
ARABIAN RESES - NATURAL RESOURCES, INCLUDING PETROLEUM

1. SUMMARY: US DEL CONCLUDED WEEK OF CONSULTATIONS  
ON FRENCH AND AMERICAN RESES WITH JULY 12 AFTER-  
NOON US-FRENCH BILATERAL. WHILE SLIGHT PROGRESS  
MADE ON MERGER US EMINENT PERSONS WITH FRENCH  
OBSERVATORY, FRENCH REMAIN FIRM ON PUSHING THEIR  
SECOND RES WHICH LAYS FOUNDATION FOR GLOBAL ENERGY  
CONFERENCE UNDER UN AUSPICES. ACTION REQUESTED:  
REVIEW OF US POSITION AND INSTRUCTIONS ON PRECISE  
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VOTING STANCE. END SUMMARY.

2. US CONDUCTED JULY 12 BILATERAL WITH FRENCH ON MERGER OF FRENCH OBSERVATORY RES AND USG EMINENT PERSONS. US HAS CONSIDERABLY SOFTENED FRENCH POSITION ON "PRICES". FRENCH WILLING ABANDON "AVERAGE PRICE" CONCEPT BUT WOULD LIKE TO SEE STRENGTHENED DIRECTION TO OBSERVATORY TO BE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED WITH FINDING COMMODITY PRICES WHICH ARE NOW SECRET. US STATED WE COULD ACCEPT AS REFERENDUM A PROVISION WHICH WOULD REQUIRE EMINENT PERSONS BODY TO "RECOMMEND A SYSTEM AND MECHANISM TO DISCOVER UNKNOWN PRICES"; BUT US COULD NOT, AT THIS STAGE, ACCEPT A DIRECTION TO THE EMINENT PERSONS THAT THEY THEMSELVES UNDERTAKE THE TASK OF DISCOVERING UNKNOWN. BRAZIL HAS INDICATED OPPOSITION US RES. CURRENT PLAN IS TO INTRODUCE BOTH FRENCH AND US RESES TUESDAY AM.

3. COMMENT: THE POLITICAL SITUATION IS SUCH THAT US AND FRENCH MUST PRODUCE MERGED RES IN ORDER RETAIN CONTROL. IN THE EVENT OF COLLAPSE OF FRENCH-US EFFORT, G-77 WILL ITSELF ATTEMPT TO MERGE ALL RESES IN OMNIBUS RES, DRAWING ON US RES, BOTH FRENCH RESES AND SAUDI RES. END COMMENT.

4. THERE IS NO PROSPECT FOR DEFEATING FRENCH ECON OBSERVATORY RES AT THIS POINT. SUPPORT FOR FRENCH RES COMES FROM EXACTLY SAME BASE AS SUPPORT FOR US RESES. STRONG IRANIAN SUPPORT FOR FRENCH HAS NEUTRALIZED ONLY OPPOSITION BLOC, I.E., OPEC OIL PRODUCERS.

5. DURING COURSE OF BILATERAL, FRENCH SPOKESMAN STATED THAT FRENCH DEL HAD BEEN RE-INSTRUCTED ON CENTRAL FEATURE OF FRENCH ENERGY POLICY, I.E., THERE MUST BE GLOBAL ENERGY CONFERENCE UNDER UN FLAG. SPOKESMAN STATED THAT WHILE FRENCH WILL BE LESS BRUSQUE AND SHARP IN PUBLIC EXCHANGES, THEY WILL BE NO LESS FIRM IN PUSHING WITH ALL THEIR RESOURCES THE CONVENING OF A GLOBAL ENERGY CONFERENCE UNDER UN AUSPICES. US SPOKESMAN (AMB FERGUSON) STATED THAT US COULD NOT SUPPORT FRENCH IN SUCH ENDEAVOR. CONFIDENTIAL

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INDEED ON OUR SIDE WE ARE NO LESS STILL COMMITTED TO ORDERLY BUILDING BLOC APPROACH. IN OUR OPINION, GLOBAL ENERGY CONFERENCE PREMATURE AND RISKS CREATING ANOTHER SPECIAL SESSION TYPE PROCEEDING.

6. FRENCH ASSERT, AND US HAD INDEPENDENTLY CONFIRMED, THAT THEY ARE GAINING FIRM SUPPORT FOR THEIR SECOND RES WHICH CONTRAVENES WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE

FOLLOW ON. HOVEYDA (IRAN) INDICATED THAT IRAN WILL SUPPORT FRENCH IN LIGHT OF NEW FRENCH-IRANIAN RELATIONSHIP. ALSO REPORTED HE WILL SEEK SUPPORT G-77 FOR FRENCH RES. MAJOR CONSUMERS (E.G., SWEDEN) WHO WERE UNINVITED TO WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE FIRMLY SUPPORTING FRENCH POSITION. IN ADDITION, DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SWINGING TO FRENCH ON GROUNDS THEY WOULD HAVE DIRECT VOICE IN GLOBAL CONFERENCE AS COMPARED TO WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE WHERE THEIR POSITIONS WOULD "ONLY BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT". UNDERSTAND EC-9 COUNTRIES SPLIT WITH FRENCH THIS ISSUE AND FEEL COMMITTED UNDER

ECG TO REJECT FRENCH PROPOSAL. SOME INDICATIONS, HOWEVER, THAT UK COULD ACCEPT IF OTHERS AGREE.

7. IN LIGHT OF ABOVE, WOULD APPRECIATE PRECISE INSTRUCTIONS ON FRENCH SECOND RES IN ECON COMMITTEE. OPTIONS ARE: (A) FORCE A VOTE IN ECON COMMITTEE WHICH US WOULD LOSE BY 2 TO 1 RATIO; (B) ACCEPT CONSENSUS ADOPTION WITH RESERVATION BEGINNING, "IF MATTER HAD BEEN PUT TO VOTE USG WOULD HAVE VOTED NO"; (C) ACCEPT ADOPTION WITHOUT VOTE WITH SAME EXPLANATION AS (B) ABOVE; (D) FORCE VOTE AND ABSTAIN WITH RESERVATIONS; OR (E) FORCE VOTE AND VOTE NO. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT AT TIME ADOPTED RES COMES TO PLENARY, ALL PRESSURES WOULD BE DIRECTED TOWARD SECURING CONSENSUS DISPOSITION. SITUATION WOULD THEN BE POLITICALLY THE SAME AS LAST SUMMER'S ECOSOC ON ISSUE OF ESTABLISHING WEST ASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION.

8. WOULD APPRECIATE REVIEW AND INSTRUCTIONS ON PRECISE VOTING POSTURE. IN LIGHT OF POSITION OF UK ON FRENCH SECOND RES, DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO CONSIDER SPECIAL CONFIDENTIAL

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